

In response to that Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title to read as follows (a version, marked to show the changes made, is appended):

--REMOTE CONTROL APPARATUS AND SYSTEM IN WHICH
IDENTIFICATION OR CONTROL INFORMATION IS OBTAINED FROM A DEVICE
TO BE CONTROLLED--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, 6-10, 21 and 32-174, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 5, 20, 22, 23 and 29, to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

Q' 3:00 B7 1. (Amended) A remote control apparatus comprising:
request means for requesting, from a device to be controlled, an
operation procedure for that device;
reception means for receiving the operation procedure from the
device to be controlled; and
transmission means for transmitting an operation command to the
device based on the received operation procedure.

4. (Amended) A remote control apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing respective operation procedures in consonance with identifiers of a plurality of devices;

inquiry means for requesting an identifier of the device to be controlled from that device;

reception means for receiving data representing the identifier from the device to be controlled;

selection means for selecting an operation procedure in consonance with the identifier represented by the received data from among the operation procedures stored in said storage means; and

transmission means for transmitting an operation command to the device based on the selected operation procedure

5. (Amended) A remote control apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing respective operation procedures in consonance with a plurality of types of devices:

inquiry means for inquiring as to a type of a device to be controlled, from that device;

reception means for receiving data representing the type from the device to be controlled;

selection means for selecting an operation procedure in consonance with the type represented by the received data from among the operation procedures stored in said storage means; and

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transmission means for transmitting an operation command to the device based on the selected operation procedure

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20. (Amended) A remote control system comprising:
identification means for identifying a device to be controlled by a remote control apparatus; and
transmission control means for transmitting to the remote control apparatus an operation procedure for a device that is identified, wherein said remote control apparatus transmits an operating command to said device based on the operation procedure that is received.

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22. (Amended) A remote control system including a remote control apparatus, said system comprising:
identification means for identifying a device to be controlled by said remote control apparatus; and
transmission control means for transmitting to said remote control apparatus data representing an identifier of the device that is identified, wherein said remote control apparatus comprises:
storage means for storing respective operation procedures in consonance with identifiers of a plurality of devices,
selection means for selecting an operation procedure consonance with the identifier represented by the received data from among the operation procedures stored in said storage means; and

transmission means for transmitting an operation command to the device based on the selected operation procedure.

23. (Amended) A remote control system including a remote control apparatus, said system comprising:

identification means for identifying a type of device to be controlled by said remote control apparatus; and

Q4 transmission control means for transmitting to said remote control apparatus data representing a type of the device that is identified,

wherein said remote control apparatus comprises:

storage means for storing respective operation procedures in consonance with a plurality of types of devices,

selection means for selecting an operation procedure in consonance with the type represented by the received data from among the operation procedures stored in said storage means, and

transmission means for transmitting an operation command to the device based on the selected operation procedure.

Q5 C1 29. (Amended) A remote control system according to claim 28, where said device that is to be controlled is operated by referring to said history of said operations performed by said device that is stored in said storage means.